

[29th January 1923]

The clerks and the superintendents of the Secretariat.

694 Q.—MR. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the number of clerks and superintendents whose work is passed by each gazetted officer (temporary or permanent) below the rank of Secretary to Government in the several departments of the Secretariat?

A.—The following table * shows under each Secretary to Government the number of officers employed in the gazetted and non-gazetted ranks respectively, excluding lower division clerks engaged in routine work and typists. Generally speaking, the work of the non-gazetted officers passes through the gazetted officers under whom they are shown. The arrangements, however, vary from time to time and it is not possible to work out any scheme which will not undergo changes. It need hardly be added that the work falling to be done directly by the gazetted officers varies very largely both in quantity and quality.

Scholarships to Ceded districts medical students.

695 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Ceded district students reading as full stipendiaries at present in the several medical schools of the Presidency; and

(b) whether it is a fact that a few of these students are receiving partial stipends; and if so, what the necessity for such a deviation is?

A.—The information desired is not available but will be called for.

Scheme for itinerating sub-registrars.

696 Q.—MR. K. SARABHA REDDI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education (Registration) be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme for itinerating sub-registrars has been launched by the Department of Registration and that the scheme is already given effect to in North Arcot district; and

(b) if so, the principles on which it is based?

A.—(a) Yes, as an experimental measure.

(b) Under the itinerating system of registry one of the joint sub-registrars attached to a particular registration office visits once a week a convenient place in the sub-district to be notified to the public and accepts on the spot the documents of that village and the surrounding villages in order to save trouble and expense to the inhabitants. The duties of the itinerating sub-registrar are confined to the acceptance of documents for registration and to those points in the procedure of registration which require the attendance of the parties concerned. All other steps are carried out at the headquarters station. The documents are returned to the parties by registered post or, in the absence of